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## **Interim Comment**

## In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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NW 30/5/1/1/2/11802 PR Pilanesberg SE APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT ON IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS: • A PORTION OF THE FARM DIEPKUIL 116 JQ • THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM KLIPGATKOP 115 JQ • PORTIONS 8, PORTION OF 3 (OF PORTION 1), PORTION OF 4 (OF PORTION 1), PORTION OF 5 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM ROODEKRAALSPRUIT 113 JQ • PORTIONS 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 28, 29, 18 (RE), 2 (RE), 30 (OF PORTION 2), 33 (OF PORTION 18), 34 (OF PORTION 18), 37 (OF PORTION 4), 4 (RE) AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM BOSCHPOORT 284 JQ • THE FARM ANGLO TAILINGS 942 JQ • PORTIONS 6, 8, 9 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM BEESTKRAAL 290 JQ • PORTIONS 22 (RE) AND 23 (OF PORTION 22) OF THE FARM BRAKSPRUIT 299 JQ • PORTIONS 3, 5, 19, 10 (HEBRON) (OF PORTION 4), 11 (RE) (OF PORTION 2), 12 (OF PORTION 2), 13 (OF PORTION 2), 14 ( OF PORTION 2), 15 (OF PORTION 11), 16 (OF PORTION 11), 17 (OF PORTION 11), 2 (RE), 4 (RE) (ZOETE WONING), 6 (RE) (OF PORTION 4), 7 ( OF PORTION 4), 8 (OF PORTION 6) AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM HOEDSPRUIT 298 JQ • THE FARM LONMIN TAILINGS 943 JQ • PORTIONS 5, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17 (RE), 31, 32, 1 (RE), 10 (OF PORTION 2), 12 (OF PORTION 4), 13 (OF PORTION 1), 18 (OF PORTION 17), 19 (OF PORTION 17), 2 (RE), 20 (OF PORTION 17), 21 (OF PORTION 17), 22 (OF PORTION 17), 23 (OF PORTION 17), 24 (OF PORTION 17), 25 (OF PORTION 17), 26 (OF PORTION 17), 27 (OF PORTION 17), 28 (OF PORTION 3), 4 (RE), 6 (OF PORTION 1) AND 7 (OF PORTION 4) OF THE FARM SCHAAPKRAAL 292 JQ • THE FARM TURFFONTEIN 302 JQ • PORTIONS 13, 19 (RE), 29, 47 (RE), 56, 57 (RE), 61, 69 (OF PORTION 19), 71 (OF PORTION 19), 72 (OF PORTION 19), 73 (F PORTION 19), 74 (OF PORTION 19), 84, 85, 96 (OF PORTION 57), 97 (OF PORTION 57), 102, 106 (RE), 108 (OF POTION 106), 109 (OF PORTION 106), 116 AND 117 (OF PORTION 116) OF THE FARM **ZWARTKOPPIES 296 JQ** 

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed prospecting activities on several farm portions stretching from Maile through Lesung to Marikana, North West Province.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological

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or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

In your application received by SAHRA there was no indication of an assessment of the archaeological resources, however it was noted on the 33rd page of the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that one would be conducted. It was also noted on the 38th page of the BAR that each drill site, once the location is established, would be screened by a qualified archaeologist. The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see <u>www.asapa.org.za</u>) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report inclusive of field site visit.

The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites. If the property is very small or disturbed and there is no significant site the specialist may choose to send a letter to the heritage authority to indicate that there is no necessity for any further assessment.

Where bedrock is to be affected, or where there are coastal sediments, or marine or river terraces and in potentially fossiliferous superficial deposits, a Palaeontological Desk Top study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources - or at least a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary (see www.palaeontologicalsocitey.co.za).

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

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Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/311923 (, Ref: NW 30/5/1/1/2/11802)

Terms & Conditions:

- 1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
- 2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
- 3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.